

REMARKS

Applicants' Office Action reply filed on August 11, 2003 was considered not fully responsive. Claims 7, 13, 15, 23-27 and 29 were listed as pending, although they had been cancelled on June 11, 2001. The complete claim listing is provided herewith and is intended to substitute for the previously filed claim listing. The subject matter of claims 7, 13, 15, 23-27 and 29 is now presented in new claims 64-72. The now-presented claim listing reiterates the claim amendments filed on August 11, 2003.

CLAIM FEES

There are currently 39 total claims, 3 independent claims and 4 multiple dependent claims pending. Applicants paid for 20 total claims, 9 independent claims and no multiple dependent claims upon filing of the application. Assuming that no additional claim fees were charged to the Deposit Account of the undersigned as a result of the response filed on August 11, 2003, Applicants must now pay for 19 additional total claims and one multiple dependency. Applicants authorize such fees to be charged to the Deposit Account of the undersigned at the small entity rate. Applicants are a small entity and hereby assert small entity status.

Applicants inadvertently submitted a three month extension fee at the large entity rate upon filing of the August 11, 2003 response. Applicants are a small entity and hereby request a refund of 50% of the extension fee paid.

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CONCLUSIONS

Applicant believes that each of the pending claims now is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in the event that the claims are not found to be in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions and believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' representative would prove helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 720-3500 (extension 266).

Respectfully Submitted,



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